

I write to oppose any plans to implement digital broadcasting on the existing FM radio band, and to oppose plans to phase out analog broadcasts. Many community, college, and local-, ethnic-, or religious-interest stations would be forced off the air entirely, by the expense of converting to digital or by spillover from "double-wide" digital transmission. National Public Radio already opposes these measures, considering them (among other things) a threat to programs for the blind. Please put digital broadcasting on a separate wavelength, and preserve what diversity exists in AM and FM now.